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**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	521.41449VX1--3008-15DIV
First Inventor	ITAGAKI, FUMIHIKO
Title	IMAGE ENCODING/DECODING METHOD, APPARTUS THEREOF AND RECORDING MEDIUM IN WHICH PROGRAM THEREOF IS RECORDED
Express Mail Label No.	

APPLICATION ELEMENTS
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages: **52**]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
-Descriptive title of the invention
-Cross Reference to Related Applications
-Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
-Reference to sequence listing, a table,
or a computer program listing appendix
-Background of the Invention
-Brief Summary of the Invention
-Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
-Detailed Description
-Claim(s)
-Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets: **16**]
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(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
Named in the prior application, see 37 CFR
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s))
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11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
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Prior application information: Examiner: _____ Art Unit: _____

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Filing Date	January 21, 2004
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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	770.00
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 5	-20** = 0	x	=
Indep. Claims 3	-3** = 0	x	=
Multiple Dependent			=

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal
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1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee
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1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
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1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
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In re Application of :
ITAGAKI, et al. : Expected Group Art Unit: 2623
Rule 53(b) Divisional of :
Serial No: 09/731,484, : Expected Examiner: J. Wu
Filed: December 8, 2000 :
Filed: Concurrently Herewith :
For: IMAGE ENCODING/DECODING METHOD, APPARATUS THEREOF AND
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LETTER CLAIMING RIGHT OF PRIORITY

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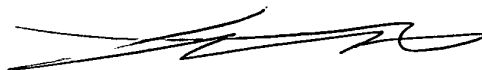
Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-141675, filed in Japan on May 15, 2000.

The certified copy of the above-referred-to Japanese Patent Application was filed on December 8, 2000 in prior application Serial No. 09/731,484, filed December 8, 2000.

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